

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

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16. (Once Amended) The method for performing a biopsy comprising the steps of:
removing tissue from a vascular site; and
positioning a pledget of absorbable sponge material substantially at the vascular
site wherein the absorbable sponge material includes a contrast agent preloaded therein
prior to hydration.

REMARKS

Claims 7-11 and 14-27 are pending. Claims 7-11 and 14-27 have been rejected.

Claim 16 has been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim
subject matter regarded as the invention.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the
current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show
Changes Made".

Judicially-created Double Patenting

Claims 7-11 and 14-27 have been rejected pursuant to the judicially-created
doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of
prior United States patent No. 6,183,497. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer
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